which is eventually converted into a permanent lodging. The interests of Government will, in no way, be affected by this shifting. Jamabandi officers pass orders that the houses should be removed and a fine levied for erecting without permission. This is a hardship to the raiyats. Unassessed lands in the malnad are considered as *mufat*. As the building of houses in their own lands will in no way affect the Government interests or the interests of other raiyats, permission may be granted to build houses in *mufat* lands without restriction.

Reply of Government.—The raiyats in the malnad must know to respect the laws. The convenience of raiyats will always be consulted, but Government permission must be obtained in all such cases.

SUBJECT No. 145.

Removal of stones from Government lands by raiyats.

Messrs. Chikkannaiya, Goribidnur Taluk; Gundu Rao, Basave Gowda and Munisami Reddi, Bowringpet Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Raiyats were hitherto enjoying the privilege of removing stones from Government lands free of cost. Lately the right of removing such stones has been ordered to be auctioned every year. This entails hardship on the raiyats. Orders are solicited to revoke the above mentioned order.

Reply of Government.—The existing rules are sufficiently liberal and cannot be changed.

SUBJECT No. 146.

Exemption of bullocks used for agricultural purposes from grazing fees.

Mr. Venkataramanaiya, Taluk Member, Holalkere.

Summary of discussion.—Raiyats' bullocks used in ploughing and such other agricultural operations are seldom taken out for grazing purposes for want of time. They may therefore be exempted from grazing fees both in the forest as well as in the Revenue Department.

Reply of Government.—This cannot be done.

SUBJECT No. 147.

Sale of grazing rights on channel bunds to be discontinued.

Mr. Srinivasa Rao of T.-Narsipur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The present practice of selling grazing rights on channel bunds may, it is requested, be discontinued, the neighbouring raiyats being allowed to graze their cattle thereon as many villages have no gomal lands.

Reply of Government.—Grazing on bunds ought not to be permitted. It is a wrong practice. If there is grass on bunds, the cutting and removing of it only should be permitted. Orders will be issued to this effect.

SUBJECT No. 148.

Prompt disposal of applications for takavi loans.

Messrs. D. S. Hanumantha Rao Devanhalli Taluk; Srinivasa Rao and Rama Rao, Malur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Applications for loans for the improvement of lands are left undisposed of for years together. This actually tends to defeat the objects of the Regulation. Hence prompt disposal should be ordered.

Withdrawn.

SUBJECT No. 149.

Tax on itinerant traders.

Mr. Tirunarna Iyengar, Hassan District Board.

Summary of discussion.—The system of taxing itinerant traders is operating harshly on growers of produce who carry their commodities for sale in weekly markets, and on itinerant traders in salt and piece goods in villages. This has also become a source of illegal gratification to sharp

Reply of Government.—This subject was finally disposed of last year. The change is not called for, and nothing more is now required to be done.

SUBJECT No. 157.

Village shanbhogs and patels may be termed as village officers.

Mr. G Gopalaiya, District Board Member, Holalkere.

Summary of discussion.—Village shanbhogs and patels are sometimes termed in public records as village servants, which term is applicable only to village talwars, totis and nirgantis. It is therefore requested that they may be referred to as "Village Officers."

Reply of Government.—No orders are necessary.

SUBJECT No. 158.

Permission to shanbhogs and patels to reside at taluk head-quarters or hobli head-quarters.

Mr. Gunderi Gopalaiya, District Board Member, Chitaldrug.

Summary of discussion.—Shanbhogs and patels may be permitted to reside at taluk head-quarters or hobli head-quarters if they can do so without prejudice to Government work and if the villages of their charge are within five miles of such places, instead of compelling them to live within their respective charges.

Reply of Government.—This cannot be done.

SUBJECT No. 159.

Appointment of a gumasta in cases where shanbhogs and patels have been transferred to Government appointments till sons are born to them.

Mr. Venkataramanaiya, Holalkere Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—If the baravarddar patels and shanbhogs possessing University Examination qualifications wish to take up Government appointments, they are required under the existing orders to transfer their hak to those hereditary offices in favor of some outsider in the absence of near relations. Proposes that in such cases the baravard of the offices in question may be allowed to continue in the name of the original hakdar only till a son is born to him, a competent gumasta being appointed by Government for the conduct of work thereof.

Reply of Government.—This will be considered with the Hereditary Village Officer's Regulation.

SUBJECT No. 160.

Permitting capable shanbhogs and patels to appear for the Revenue, Civil and Criminal Examinations.

Messrs. Venkatarangaiya and Shroff Dharanappa of Hassan Municipality; Venkataramanappa, Holalkere Taluk; and Lakshminaranappa, Heggaddevankote Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Shanbhogs and patels who are of five years' standing, or have passed the Lower Secondary Examination may be permitted to appear for the Mysore Local Service Revenue, Civil and Criminal Examinations, and also for the Shekdari Test.

Reply of Government.—For admissibility to examinations the opinions of the local officers will be called for.

SUBJECT No. 161.

Supply of Revenue Rules, etc., to village officials.

Mr. Nadig Seenappa and Patel Basappa, Shimoga Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Village officials require for reference Revenue Rules, Code and Manual. Therefore Kanarese copies thereof may be supplied to them gratis.

Reply of Government.—Every shanbhog has been supplied with a Village Officer's Manual gratis. Nothing more need be done.

SUBJECT No. 162.

Supply of Kanarese copies of "Manual of Village Accounts" to shanbhogs.

Mr. G. Gopalaiya, Member, District Board, Chitaldrug.

Summary of discussion.—Every shanbhog may be ordered to be supplied with a Kanarese copy of the "Manual of Village Accounts" for his information and guidance.

Withdrawn.